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DANES ACROSS CANADA ASSEMBLE

For Danish Canadian Conference in Calgary

About 50 Danes participated in the Third National Danish Canadian Conference in Calgary, June 15 - 17, 1984. The Conference was held in the Danish Canadian Club, 727 - 11th Avenue, S.W., Calgary, the largest Danish club in Canada. It was the third Conference held by the Federation of Danish Associations in Canada, a national umbrella organization consisting of 24 Danish organizations.

The Conference began Friday evening with Registration and an Ice-Breaker Party, where the delegates from across Canada had the opportunity to meet and talk. Most of them had not seen each other since last year's Conference in Montreal, and many participated for the first time. Everybody was in good spirits, setting the meeting off on a high note which continued for the rest of the Conference.

The theme was heritage. The Conference therefore addressed questions such as: What is heritage? How can we preserve and promote our Danish heritage? How can we pass on to our children our Danish Heritage? Two presentations about heritage were made by Jan Eisenhardt, Montreal, and Harry Jensen, Calgary, on Saturday Morning. These were followed by comments from the delegates, many of whom addressed the issue of language, with examples from their own organizations and private homes.

At the Saturday luncheon excellent speeches were given by Brian Lee, MLA for Calgary-Buffalo, and former Alberta Lieutenant-Governor, Dr. Grant MacEwan. Brian Lee even began his speech in Danish.

The official Conference photograph was taken after lunch. The discussion on heritage was concluded, and the meeting addressed the business part of the meeting, which included the financial statement, annual report and ratifying of the bylaws. The Conference was chaired by



PARTICIPANTS AT THE THIRD NATIONAL DANISH CANADIAN CONFERENCE.

Poul B. Christensen, President of the Church Council in Vancouver.

Over 300 people came to the party Saturday night in the Danish Canadian Club, where Calgary Mayor Ralph Klein bid all out-of-towners welcome. As soon as everybody had finished indulging in the beautiful Scandinavian Smorgasbord, all the out-of-towners were made Honorary Calgarians by Deputy Chief White Hatter, Bob Peltier. They were all given a certificate and a white cowboy hat, which brought shouts of joy. The Keynote Address was given by Jan Eisenhardt, Montreal. A party everybody will remember for a long time.

It was a demanding program. The Conference resumed at nine o'clock Sunday morning, where the Folk School Course for Canadians was discussed; it will be held at the International College in Helsingor from July 22-28, 1984. Next was King Christian X Jubilee Foundation of 1937, where the Federation was helped in trying to find a candidate. The Foundation donates travel grants to Denmark for Danish Canadians who have not been back to Denmark for 20 years. Scandinavian Canadian Friendship

Association announced last year at the Montreal Conference that they would donate the airplane ticket this year. Moreover, fundraising was discussed.

Regarding the Federation's Board of Directors, Rolf Buschardt Christensen, Martha Larsen and Esther Machacynski were re-elected as respectively President, Secretary and Treasurer. The Regional Presidents and Directors are elected in the five Regions.

Several resolutions were also passed. For instance, it was decided to ask the Minister for Multiculturalism to appoint a Dane to the Canadian Multiculturalism Council. Not only is there no Dane on the Council this year, but nobody from any of the Nordic countries. Harry Jensen, Calgary, and Lissen Lockwood, Winnipeg, who have both sat on the Canadian Multiculturalism Council spoke strongly in favour of bringing this matter to the Multiculturalism Minister's attention immediately.

The Sunday luncheon was held at Heritage Park, where the delegates went by train (very old heritage train) from the park entrance to Ranchers Hall, where was offered a

drink, this event marking the conclusion of a very busy and interesting Conference.

The Conference had been organized by The Danish Canadian Club, Calgary, whose President, Les Bonke, and many others, had put a lot of work into making it a success. In this they succeeded.

The Conference booklet, containing about 100 photographs of Danes across Canada had been put together by the Calgary Danish Businessmen's Association. Extra copies of the Calgary Conference Booklet are available at 10 dollars each from the Federation's Treasurer, Esther Machacynski, Kingston.

All participants thought it was a very successful Conference. They all left enthused and inspired - and with white cowboy hats. Next year's Conference will be held in New Denmark, New Brunswick, the oldest Danish settlement in Canada.



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DANISH CANADIAN FRIENDSHIP CLUB OF EDMONTON

HERITAGE DAYS, Edmonton's most important cultural event, will be held in Hawrelak Park August 6th and 7th. Together with the Danish Society "Dania", our club will take an active part in the arrangements. The two Danish clubs in Edmonton have agreed upon forming a Heritage Days' Committee together with clubs from Sweden, Norway, Finland and Iceland to secure the continuity of participation after the Scandinavian Centre's withdrawal.

We certainly look forward to cooperating with Dania so that our Danish community, talents and craft-people can be presented at their best. We are looking for volunteers to help out in the coffee and pastry shop, and with displays. Dedicated members should phone Lene at 488-5292 at their earliest convenience. Thank you!

Danish crafts, and information on The Danish Canadian Friendship Club. Several volunteers took time out to make it possible; special thanks are directed from the board of directors to Ellen Nielsen, Tove Hansen, Birgit Wildenhoff, Inge Poulsen and Susanne Balslov. Manger tak skal I have. McKay House is located on 10425 - 99 Street and will frame some of the club's major events in the Fall.

Our first GENERAL MEETING is scheduled for September 10th. Please mark your calendar for this important occasion. The GENERAL MEETING will be held at McKay House. Exact time later.

Our Social Committee is very busy. They are looking into a family gathering e.g. a barbeque in late August and a family Christmas Party at McKay House sometime in the afternoon on December 9th. Again: Please mark your calendar.

MISDEMEANORS MANY

By Bob Burt

Over 100 gathered to attend Torske Klubben's Ladies' Night June 9th at the Saxony Inn. All enjoyed that delicious black cod, and each sang out our Akvavit toast "Og sa Svinger -" With akvavit, wine or liqueur. The Sergeant-at-arms was Bernice Nyhus: She found enough misdemeanors to fill an evening, and kept Doug Peterson running around to collect the forfeitures.

Boss Gary Johnson greeted the gathering with "Velkommen" and toasted the birthday people who celebrated June, July or August. Ron Nichol was Master of Ceremonies. Following the table grace by Kaare

Askildt, the grand feast was consumed.

Ken Domier proposed a toast to the ladies, which was ably responded to by Maggie Nichol.

Reports were given for the Sons of Norway by Kris Nyhus. He spoke of the Syttende Mai party, thanking the Free loaders for their support in the entertainment. He commented on the Fabulous Four Convention June 14-17th; also of the coming St. Hans Fest outing June 22-24 to be held at Half Moon Lake. He also spoke of the Language & Culture Camp August 18 to 25th. As these are S/N activities, Torske Klubben members are also vitally interested and supportive.

CONFERENCE BOOKLET WITH 100 PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE DANES IN CANADA

On the occasion of the Danish Canadian Conference in Calgary, the Federation of Danish Associations in Canada made up a Conference Booklet containing about 100 photographs. The pictures have been submitted by the various members of the Federation. Some photographs are recent while others are very old. There are pictures of Danish farms, of old and young people, from everyday life and from parties and other celebrations. There are pictures of Danish churches, schools, old people's homes, club houses, and the museum in New Denmark. Each photograph is accompanied by a text.

The Conference booklet contains articles about Founders' Day in new Denmark, about the Dickson settlement in Alberta, about Jens Munk, Jeppe Aakjaer, and the artist Niels Weismose, Calgary, and Ole Jonassen, Kingston. As well, there is an article about the Naver-movement and a touching story about a painting. The Booklet also contains greetings

and commentary from Multiculturalism Minister David Collette, Danish Ambassador Vagn Korsbaek, Alberta Premier Peter Lougheed, Calgary Mayor Ralph Klein, Danish Consul Kai Mortensen, Alberta Minister of Culture, Mary LeMessurier, and Les Bonke, President of the Calgary Danish Canadian Club, the largest Danish club in Canada.

There is also an article about how to preserve and promote our Danish heritage, as well as the Federation's annual report, membership list and board of directors.

The Booklet, which is bound and which contains over 130 pages, is practically a photo album which shows in pictures the Danish family in Canada.

The Calgary Conference booklet was assembled by the Calgary Danish Businessmen's Association. It can be bought for 10 dollars by contacting: Danish Federation Treasurer, Esther Machacynski, 16 Campbell Crescent, Kingston, Ontario K7M 1Z5.

CULTURAL CORNER Solglyt Freeloaders

By Astrid Hope, Solglyt Cultural Director.

An annual event recognizing Norway's Independence Day, (Syttende Mai) took place at City Hall on May 17th. The audience joined in singing "Ja vi elsker" when the Norwegian flag was raised by Lyall Roper, representing Mayor Lawrence Decor. It blew prominently in the wind for the whole day. The "FREELOADERS" provided the music before and during the flag-raising ceremony.

Later that evening, the "FREELOADERS" were honoured to celebrate Norwegians important day with their music at the Banquet and Dance held at the Saxony Hotel. "Freeladers" participating were Wally Broen, Harry Huser, Gary Johnson, Odd Espeland and Astrid Hope; celebrants enjoyed the Norwegian and other popular music. "Gratulerer med dagen".

Following the morning tour to the historic O'Keefe Ranch at Vernon, B.C. visitors and guests of District 7 Convention at Kamloops, June 1st, went back in time to the late 1880's when ranches were self-contained settlements. Later in the day, they fittingly returned to eat and dance dressed in a variety of Western wear. The "FREELOADERS" added hoopla to their "Western Night" with a stage decked with bails of hay, a hall decorated with ropes, saddles and a life-sized dummy horse. Del Melsness, now a member of district 7, Courtenay, B.C., joined the rest of the "FREELOADERS" for the occasion along with Wally Broen, Harry Huser, Gary Johnson, and Astrid Hope.

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SOLGLYT SPOTLIGHT

By Bob Burt

Sons of Norway members will again be involved in Heritage Days August 5 & 6th, with displays, entertainment and food, at Hawrelak Park.

Six Scandinavian groups will be involved this year; we welcome the New Danish Canadian Friendship Club members in this endeavor.

Traditional Scandinavian culture will be displayed and Crafts demonstrated. Pastries and coffee will be on sale, and there will be an equal distribution of profits between the groups.

which toured Europe in May. The team will compete against Peru, Korea and Japan. Barbara will return to Edmonton Aug. 13th and will be back at the U of Saskatchewan this Fall.

Stan & Louise Johnson spent six weeks in Norway visiting relatives. Louise is attending the University of Oslo, where she commenced Language classes on June 23rd.

thoroughly enjoyed the outing.

Iver Vernasen enjoyed his 96th birthday with his family and their children. Over 25 relatives and descendants gathered April 30th; Olga McBride was one of the hostesses. Supper was held at the Convention Inn to celebrate.

The 50th-Wedding Anniversary of Haldor and Hilma Bukvi was celebrated June 9th in Edmonton. Over 150 persons attended the reunion hosted by their children. The Bukvis have 5 children, 14 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Mr. Bukvi has 3 brothers and 3

sisters. Haldor is 75 years old, Hilma is 70. Although Hilma suffered a heart attack prior to the occasion she is well at present.

The Veis', Olfasons and Betty McKevitt attended a family reunion in Calgary July 7 - 9th. It was the McKevitt family gathering, over 250 members of the family attended. The reunion will coincide with Calgary's 100 Anniversary, and as well mark the 100th Anniversary of the arrival from Ireland of the McKevitts to their homestead in Calgary.

Kay & Bernie & Alf Olfason with Betty McKevitt travelled to

Yellowknife the first 2 weeks in July to be present at the 50th Anniversary of the City of Yellowknife.

Congratulations are in order on the promotion of Harry Mjaatveit to Manager of the Toronto Dominion Bank, Rosslyn Brnach, announced March 1984.

All members are pleased to hear that Peter Hansen is on the way to recovery following his week in hospital. He is with his brother Jens and doing well.

COMING EVENTS

Sept. meeting will include the initiation of new members, followed by a Hardtime Dance and a Lapskaus treat. This luncheon is now an Annual affair - popular, tasty and satisfying.

Oct. General Meeting will include a Wine & Cheese party, with Norwegian Whist games.

The Annual Leif Erikson Nite banquet and dance is also planned in October.

November General meeting is set aside for the Election of Officers, and will be followed by Bingo games.

December meeting will include the Childrens Christmas Party.

The News Letter will be out early in August to give details and dates of the Fall entertainment.

Linda Domier is also attending the U of Oslo on a S/N Foundation Grant. Following her course she will visit relations in Norway and travel Europe.

Karen (Nasset) Jackson and her husband Les, travelled to Norway July 4th so that Karen might be present at the 10th Anniversary at the Haugtun Folk High School she had attended on scholarship in 1975. She will see many of her school friends while there. This is Les's first trip to Norway. While away their children Sarah, 4½ and Leah, 2 years old, will be attended by their grandparents Erwin & Alice Nasset.

An Executive meeting was held June 11th with a Pot Luck Supper at the Burts' residence in Devon. The gathering included executive members and their spouses; over 35 members were present. Discussion was held on St. Hans Fest, 4th District Convention, Heritage Days and coming programs (Language Camp) at this open-air meeting. All



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SOLGLYT SPOTLIGHT

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Congratulations go out to proud Grandparents Inge & Betty Anderson on the birth of their first grandson, Joshua David, born April 30th. proud parents Sidney and Pat Anderson are both doing well with their new addition.

Ann Meyer, daughter of Walter and Eva Meyer, recently convocated with distinction from the University of Alberta. Ann received her Bachelor of Education Degree along with her Early Childhood Diploma on June 6th. As well, Ann was the recipient of the Muriel Affleck Award. Congratulations. Ann!

Astrid Hope enjoyed a three-day Nurses' Reunion May 29th to 31st celebrating Saskatoon City Hospital's 75th Anniversary. 1,044 nurses attended - from as far away as Australia.

The city held its biggest function ever at the Field House when 3,000 people attended; dancing was to Mark Kenny's Orchestra which played nostalgic tunes all evening.

NORSK RAMBLINGS

Joe and Clare Lineham left Edmonton May 15th for a visit of Relatives and friends in Norway.

Sis Larsen is spending the Summer in Norway with relatives.

Erwin and Alice Nasset travelled by bus May 18th with the Edmonton Transit Pipe Band to Spokane. He is a Pipe Major, and will lead his pipers in the Lilac Festival Ceremonies.

Doug and Gail Peterson returned June 21st following a 10 day 1,400 mile tour of Nova Scotia visiting that province's sites. While there Doug attended a conference of Canadian

Hospital Associations with the Good Samaritan Hospital group from Edmonton; they also viewed the Parade of "Tall Ships" at Halifax.

Fred & Winnie Nielsen were on a 5 week tour motoring to Vancouver and Victoria with relatives prior to motor-



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ing home.

Andy & Mathilda Mjaatveit travelled with their son Arnold visiting Mathildas' sister, Mrs. Birch, in Seattle. In Vancouver they visited their daughter Ossy and son-in-law Bill Cox. The 2-week trip took in Everett, Seattle & Vancouver.

Kare Hellum travelled again to Thailand via Hong Kong leaving Edmonton June 15th. This educational teaching tour will last a month and a half.

Harry & Cheryl Mjaatveit spent the month of July in Montreal visiting relatives and friends.

Shirley & Edwin Marsch motored to Turin, Alta., for a homecoming July 21st. The school she and her sister attended was at Retlaw, near

brother Roald Buvik in Ottawa.

Richard Haas' sister-in-law, Berta Haas, arrived in Edmonton May 7th from Baden-Baden, Germany for a visit. While here she visited her daughter, Rta Gallant in Kelowna; other points visited included lake

vice and saw many ladies in their Norsk costumes. Syttende Mai was spent with relatives in Egersund. The day was filled with parties, marching bands, children, floats and choirs.

May 23rd they travelled to beautiful Bergen. On a tour there they visited Edvard Greig's home.

May 27th they passed many rivers and fields en route to sightseeing at Trondheim. Two days later it was Stockholm, touring by bus and boat. Then on to Copenhagen to take in four days of touring and entertainment.

It was with regret that they boarded SAS to Amsterdam to return to Edmonton on June 5th.

Following the District 4 Convention at Saskatoon, Astrid Hope visited her mother, Lydia Tagseth, at Nokomis Hospital and later stayed with her at home in Govan, Saskatchewan.

Astrid's brother Louis Tagseth and his wife of Penticton, B.C., and her sister Myrtle Sadar with husband of Kamloops, came to join in the fun of Western Night at the District 7 Convention. Astrid was also a guest of her sister for the weekend.

DEATHS

Gilbert H. Sorenson, one of Solglyt Lodge 143 Charter members, passed away March 24th in Edmonton at the age of 97. He leaves his wife Hilda and a brother Ole, of Cold Lake.

John H. McGillis, brother of Rosemary Berge, passed away May 6th in Edmonton.

On June 11th Edward Love of Edmonton, passed away at the age of 74. He leaves his wife Ann, a daughter (Sandy) Mrs. Peter Baas, of The Devon area; 2 sisters, Florence Love and Annabel Jefferies, both of Edmonton; 2 brothers, Harold & Clifford of California; and 2 grandchildren, Gregory & Dana Baas. Ed has been an active member over the past 13 years.

Group Captain Gerry Martinsen of R.C.M.P. Winnipeg, visited his father, Harry Martinsen, on a week layover, during the Airshow at Namao May 17 - 21 st. He is a ferry pilot carrying V.I.P. personnel.

SOLGLYT SPOTLIGHT CONT...

Molly Cooper and Mabel Winter travelled to Norway May 11th, landing at Amsterdam and flying from there to Sola Stavanger. They visited Dom Kirken for a Confirmation Ser-

Lethbridge. They travelled with her sister Elsie and husband Ed Howatt, and will be on a two-week visit.

Sig & Selma Sorenson left Edmonton July 26th flying to Amsterdam, where they board the S.S. Norway for a Fjord cruise north scouting Norway to North Cape. They will return visiting Andalsness, Stavanger and Oslo enroute to Amsterdam; they will return by air August 12th.

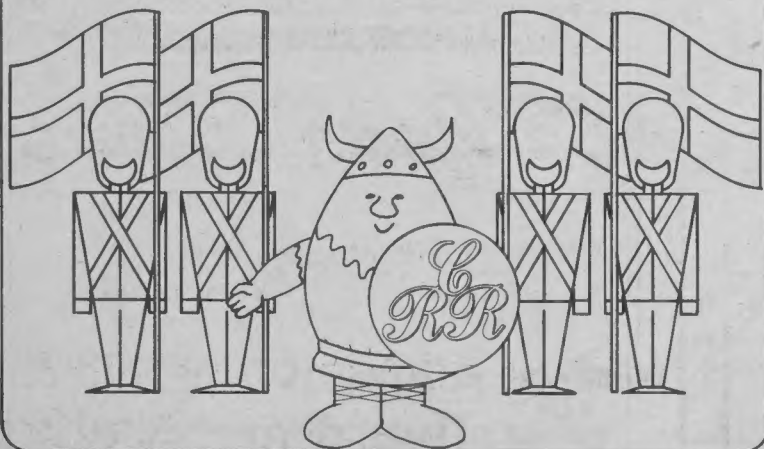
Ken & Selma Domier are planning to attend an Agricultural Institute Convention at Ottawa Aug. 18 - 21 st. While in the area Selma will visit her

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THE VIKINGS IN DENMARK



The Vikings at home...

Never will a more faultless, fighting chariot god (i.g. on the sea) come to rule over land in Denmark! Thus speaks a runic stone. The source material which provides a concise record of events and of the society of the Danish Vikings.

By Ole Klindt-Jensen
Profossor, Dr.Phil.,
Director of the Prehistoric Museum,
Mosegard, Arhus

Sagas written down a couple of centuries after the Viking period give a colourful picture of that eventful time, but historically they are unreliable. On the other hand, we

have a source material that may be terser but is the true voice of the times - the runic stones which commemorate the dead. It is rewarding to listen to their concise records of events and of the society the people were part of and were affected by in their lives.

The kings - of high lineage - made their influence felt when they exerted intensive efforts to unite their people and conquer other regions. Younger sons of the clan established themselves abroad, not only in other Scandinavian countries but also elsewhere, where we hear of the exploits in the annals. King Harald, whom we shall return to, was a

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SCANDIA NEWS

By Kaye Kerr

Scandia Lodge is a buzzing with activity even during the summer. On June 23rd a Training Workshop for Officers and Members of the Alberta District Scandia Lodge was held at Pigeon Lake Club House. All attending thought it was well worthwhile. In mid-afternoon the Maypole was decorated and the children sang and danced around it.

At 6 p.m. a potluck supper was enjoyed by everyone; a dance followed. The weatherman co-operated with us all weekend and many lodge members from Southern alberta brought their trailers and enjoyed a camping weekend.

Scandia Lodge has agreed to help "Light Up Our Sky" by purchasing a Star at the Edmonton Space Sciences Centre.

The annual Pie Social and Raffle will be held at the Lake on July 8th. Be sure to buy a ticket. You won't win without one!

Vasa Lodge is holding its Annual Smorgasbord on October 20th at The West Jasper Place Community Hall, 9620 - 152nd Street in Edmonton. Everyone is welcome. Price is \$12.50 per person. Contact Lennart Petersson at 469-0259 for tickets.

Harold and Lulu Lungren of Kamloops are visiting Bill and Martha Kay.

Gertie Duxbury held a Bridal Shower for future bride, Linga Hazlewood, who is getting married in July.

Gertie Duxbury has written the following report on the Annual Curling and Bowling Tournament:

On the weekend of April 7th, two teams of bowlers travelled from Edmonton to Lethbridge for the Annual Bowling/Curling Tournament. As usual we had a lovely time socializing with members from other district lodges. On Saturday, before bowling began, a lovely lunch was served at

the Scandinavian Hall, which we all appreciated. One Edmonton team received beer mugs with a picture of a small black and white animal on it, and the other Edmonton team came second.

The winner was Bob Hanson's team from Lethbridge consisting of Tami Wakelen, Joe Wipf, Bob Hanson, Bea Hanson and Sandi Hegeland. The Ladies' Hi Single was won by Charlene Green with 224 points, and the Ladies' Hi Triple was won by Tami Wakelen with 609 points. Men's Hi Single was won by Bob Hanson of Lethbridge with 250 points, while Men's Hi Triple went to Ray Nyroos of Edmonton.

Lloyd Eriksson's rink from Calgary won the curling. Team members were Arnold and June Wylie and Bob Anderson.

A banquet and dance was held in the evening at the Scandinavian Hall. It was not as well attended as I have seen these annual events in other years.

The Travelling Viking also found his way back to Lethbridge on this weekend.

Before heading back home on Sunday we all enjoyed a pancake breakfast also served at the Scandinavian Hall. It appears the Hall is

put to good use.

Thank you, Lethbridge, for another enjoyable weekend.

Be sure to read the interesting article written by our Cultural Leader, Verna Larson, an "Old Swedish Wedding Customs".

The August long weekend will be a busy one at Pigeon Lake. August 4, 5 and 6th will be the Tennis Tournament. There will also be a Fish Derby on August 6th.

Pea Soup and Pancakes will be the order of the day for Brunch on August 5th.

The Black Bull Golf Course is the site of the Golf Tournament September 22nd.

Belated Congratulations to Eric Pierre and Oscar Pearson who celebrated their 80th birthdays in May and June respectively.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Märj and Don Samuelson on the birth of their son.


Christine and Bob Stevens on the arrival of their baby girl - a granddaughter for Joan and Clarence Knutson.

Vi Watson will be holidaying for 6 weeks this summer in Europe and the British Isles.

August 18th - Alice Moberg and Anna Wold are hosting a Fun and Games afternoon. Dance will follow in the evening. Everyone welcome.

Be sure to visit the Scandinavian Pavilion at Heritage Days, August 5 & 6.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND SAFE DRIVING!



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Fédération des Associations Danoises du Canada

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JOIN US!

The Federation of Danish Associations in Canada was founded in June 1981, at Sunset Villa, Puslinch, Ontario, with the aim of uniting all Danish ethno-cultural organizations in Canada, thereby creating among them a permanent framework for cooperation. The aims and objectives of the Federation are:

- to provide Danish Canadian organizations across Canada with a national association.
- to promote cooperation among Danish Canadian organizations
- to promote cultural and social activities
- to promote the preservation and understanding of Danish traditions and cultural heritage
- to foster the development of a better Canadian society by promoting mutual understanding, goodwill and cooperation between Canadians of Danish and other origins
- to promote and foster good relations between Canada and Denmark
- to provide support and assistance to members of the Federation

COMING OF SUMMER

By anja Sahuri

My heart feels joyful
and light
and happy,
My feet want to dance
all night
with glee,
I have shed my winter coats
and sorrowly glooms

For I have been granted another green summer

To enjoy the birds,
the flowers
the waters.

To roam in nature-
to play as a child-
to enjoy the warmth
of the earth in my hands.

As I plant again -
forgetting the winter.

And my heart feels joyful
and light
and happy,
And my feet want to dance
all night
with glee.

Cont. from page 2 MISDEMEANORS

Don Sjolie, treasurer of Torske, gave a favorable report. Gary Johnson, Boss, greeted the group, and spoke of the founding of the Club in 1970 and its promotion by Sig Sorenson, as well as its aims and objectives: Fund-raising for and supporting Language Camp; and for Ski-for-Light program. He honored Harv Haugen, First Boss, and acknowledged all past bosses present: Doug Peterson, Wally Broen, Elsworth Halberg, Ken Domier and Kaare Askildt.

The guest speaker of the evening was Bev Bryant, speaking on behalf of Mary Lemessurier, Minister of Culture. Bev spoke of the comfor-

table working relationship she has had, and the co-operation with Sons of Norway. She acknowledged the excellent work performed at the Language Camp. She pledged that she would support the language camp financially to the best of her ability.

When it came to the jokes, Jarl Olmholt-Jensen takes the cake. He holds his audience with his fast talk and glib tongue, keeping the gathering in a gay mood.

Music was provided by a live orchestra, and the evening was rounded out with dancing and socializing. Next meeting will be held i September.

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FABULOUS 4TH CONVENTION

By Bob Burt

Sons of Norway members of district FOUR held their 41st Biennial Convention at Saskatoon, Sask., June 14 - 17th with headquarters at The Bessborough Hotel.

three of the newer lodges: Nisse #567 of North Battleford, Brubyen #567 of Saskatoon and Norig #588

Hotel. It was necessary to bring in extra help to register the Delegates and supply meal vouchers for guests.

Program for the first evening included a Wine & Cheese Party, with folk-dancers from the various lodges entertaining, and teaching steps to those wishing to participate.

Next day, after the initial shock,

included soup and a sandwich, a \$7.00 effort. That evening, best of all, was the Barbecue and Dance at the Western Development Museum. This was a Western affair; some came in costume, and all thoroughly enjoyed STEAK and all the trimmings. President Hans Stokken was arrested, handcuffed and locked in jail.

lodge may process membership applications after informing the field representative of his intentions. This was passed by the Bylaws Committee.

Solglyt proposed that Bylaw No.6 be changed to read that lodges have at least six business meetings per year. This was amended to read 10 business meetings per year. Solglyt further proposed that the Board of directors be empowered to vote on membership applications, but this part of the resolution was defeated.

The Sports and Recreation Group were authorised a grant increase from \$1,500. to \$2,500. Bylaw No. 7 was defeated; 'that S/N activities should be run concurrently with the school year. Election of Officers be held in the spring and Installation moved to the fall'. Another resolution defeated stated: 'restrict local lodge Newsletters and the "Viking", from advertising travel opportunities competitive with Nordic American Travel, or Insurance and other products offered by others than Sons of Norway'. It was felt by those present that this was dictatorial, interfering with free enterprise.

Next Convention at Fargo -

In the promotion for the next Convention sites it was announced that the 1986 Convention will be held at Fargo, N.D., hosted by Kringen No. 25 Lodge. A pitch was made by Minot, N.D. and by Normanden No. 424 Lodge of Missoula, Mont., for the 1988 Convention; Missoula seemed to have the edge.

Per Nielsen, representing Sports & Recreation, showed slides on The Winter Games, and spoke on 'Ski for

Light'. Both his talks were well received.

New Officers -

Following the election, the new slate of Officers included: **President** Kermit Lilja; **Vice President** Phyllis Johnson; **Secretary** Andrey Solheim; **Treasurer** Otto Bervik; **Counsellor** Aren Shores; **Publicity Director** Donna Backlund; and **Gary Johnson Youth Director**.

The Drill Team and Marshalls ushered the new Executive to the Installing Officer, Ed Ness, and each was duly installed.

Roy Swanberg presented a Past-President Badge to the outgoing President, Hans Stokken. Both Marshall Moy and Hans Stokken said a few words to the gathering.

Greetings From Norway -

Elizabeth Antensen, Norwegian Consul of N. Saskatchewan, brought greetings from Norway. she spoke of the years prior to 1814, of Norwegians' hardships with food, fires, plagues and Government pressures; after 1829 came the Norwegian Flag and Independence. Through World War II and the German occupation of Norway she was in the Secret Service working in the Escape route. She thanked those present for the opportunity to speak and was thanked by Joe Clausen, Master of Ceremonies.

Kermit Lilja, in his acceptance speech, pledged his loyalty and the promotion of his duties, for Harmony, Fraternity and the advancement of Progress within the Order throughout his term of Office.

Competition Awards -

The Awards were then announced



SOLGLYT CONVENTION DELEGATES: GARY JOHNSON, BETTY BROEN, EDYTHE JOHNSON, ASTRID HOPE, KRIS NYHUS, JANETTE BURT, KEN DOMIER, SEV BERGE AND PER NIELSEN.

of Outlook, had accepted the responsibility of hosting the Convention this year; they must have worked continuously over the past two years to produce one of the better District 4 conferences.

Pre-Committees descended on Saskatoon early in the week, to prepare for and welcome the delegates. When all were assembled there were 273 Official Delegates and as many member guests.

Extra Help Called In-

The rush for rooms Wednesday, and the accreditation procedure, certainly surprised the Hotel and host club members. The overflow of the hotel was housed in the Sheraton

delegates met for the Opening Ceremonies. Solglyt #143 Lodge ladies hosted the first coffee break; dressed in their bunads, they served the multitude of delicacies and coffee. they were gracious hosts and set the pattern for coffee breaks throughout the week.

A Memorial Service was held for those members who had passed away over the past two years.

President Arrested -

Meals provided at lunch were surprises, but it was a getting-together for a break. Thursday Supper was an Outdoor Buffet, with congenial singing and entertainment. Friday lunch

He was shortly released after bail was raised (proceeds went to 'Ski for Light'). It was all in fun, but Hans admitted, "loneliness is being locked behind bars".

Saturday evening was the President's Banquet & Ball. There were well over 500 in attendance to hear the results of Craft competitions, Year Book, Newsletter, Rosemaling and Embroidery entries. Then there was the very impressive Installation of New Officers, who will officiate for the next two years.

Thursday a workshop was held by Baelyn Beal, Editor of the "Viking". she offered ideas on what is expected in Newsletters and publicity in the "Viking".

Bylaw Proposals -

Friday - Amendments to bylaws were discussed and either passed or rejected.

Three bylaw resolutions were submitted by Solglyt No. 143: An amendment to Bylaw No.4 which states that members seeking nomination for international office must be insured members - be changed to read that all members enjoy equal privileges in sons of Norway. Action on this amendment was postponed.

That Bylaw No. 5 be amended to read that field representatives be allowed 45 days following notice to sign up prospective members; otherwise the designated officer of the



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GARY JOHNSON INSTALLED AS JUNIOR DIRECTOR

for the competitions: There were Five "President-of-the-Year" Awards named. The **Lodge of the Year** was Fjell Heim No. 524 at Big Timber. **Newsletter** contest was won by Silvia Watson of Sverdrup No. 107, Bismark. The **Scrap Book** Award went to Eva Anderson, Historian for Mein No. 178, Devils Lake. The book, although not large, showed quality, rather than quantity; the pictures were matted on colored borders. There was much controversy in the judging; it was felt that because of the wide differences in the Lodges; activities and projects, it was too difficult to give just award ratings.

HANDICRAFT AWARDS

Rosemaling: First prize to Christine Lesterud of Normanden No. 424, Missoula; Honorable mention to Lucille Longheid of Grand Forks.

Embroidery: First Prize to Katherine Burch of Lewiston Mt.; Honorable mention to Anne Heggen of Camrose, Alta.

Woodcarving: First Prize to Harry Huser. Solglyt No.143, Edmonton, Alta. Honorable mention to Art Rose, Normanden Lodge No.424, Missoula. It was felt by the judges that there should be more than one category in this competition.

Hardanger: First prize went to Valborg Fisher of Sverdrup No. 107, Bismark N.D.; Honorable mention to Helen Storlie of Sverdrup No. 107, Bismark, N.D.

In the **Musical Theme Song:** First place went to Jean Sonju of Libby, Montana: "I'm a Lefse-Eatin' Norsk". Second place to Betty Anne Clark of Helena MT. "Saskatoon". Honorable mention to Inez soiseth of La Glace, Alta; "Let's Raise up our Voices and Cheer".

In the **Song of Norway** category: Sig Peterson of Almont, N.D. was the winner with "Sons of Norway Song". Margarete Olsen of North Battleford and Arnold Elton of Hellsboro followed with their verses.

The **Name for the Newsletter** from District 4 was chosen as "Fabulous Forth Footnotes".

In the raffle for the last two "Silver Medallions", the winners were Kirt Brostad and Kristine Solberg.

The Conference was officially closed by Kermit Lilja; he gave praise to the Saskatchewan Lodges for their good work promoting Sons of Norway, and the Convention in Saskatoon. The Conference is over and will be remembered for its friendly meetings, beautiful weather and accomplishments.

Per Nielsen Delegate -

Don Waddell, District Director, and four members from Zone 4 (Alta. & Sask.) will be delegates at the International Convention at Vancouver, B.C. Aug. 29 to Sept.1. Those elected include Per Nielsen (Edmonton), Thelma Dorin (Red Deer), Arlo Stranden (Outlook) and Andy Haugen (Grande Prairie). Ken Domier was named one of the alternates.

FINNISH FOOTNOTES ANNUAL VAPPU DANCE

by Anja Sahuri

This year's annual Vappu Dance was held at the Hungarian Cultural Centre late in May. Guests of honour included Consul of Finland, Christian Graefe and his wife, Pastor James Kruger and his wife, President of the Hungarian Society and Pastor of the Hungarian Church.

The hall was filled to capacity and the food was absolutely delicious. At this point, on behalf of the Executive of The Finnish Society of Edmonton I would like to thank all the ladies and men who helped in any way to make that event a success. Special Thanks are offered to Sirkka Rasi, Raija Lampimäki, Sylvi Kankkunen, Maria Utenen, Kati Vaisanen, as well as other members of executive who helped in their own way.

There is a lot of preparation involved in any of our annual Vappu Dances - food, phoning for donations, decoration of hall, and perhaps the most difficult task of all - cleaning up - they all have to be done, and once again WE DID IT. THANK YOU ALL AGAIN FOR A JOB WELL DONE!

During the evening we heard the Choir under the leadership of Ulla Jordan, and the Dancers danced with their Leader Kati Vaisanen. The program was just beautiful. Thank you all.

Later on the trophies were presented to winners of the skiing and fishing competitions.

VAPPU - a celebration of many things! First of all Vappu is a woman's name, so it is a name-day celebration for many in Finland. Then Labour Day

falls on that same day - and being a national holiday, it also calls for a celebration. There is lots of music, many parades, and the seldom-worn national costumes come out of mothballs on that day. And finally Vappu heralds the coming of summer; everybody is happy and balloons and colorful Vappu-viuhkat (sort of large pom-poms) are sold at street corners. The festive feeling continues to late night when, in between dancing, a special Vappu drink, Sima, and very delicate deep fried cookies, Tip-paleivat, are served to top all on this festive day, which also coincides with the University Graduates celebrations. But that again is another story.

Vappu is truly a day of celebration in Finland.



SAMPLING THE FOOD AT THE VAPPU DANCE

TROLLHAUGEN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE CAMP

Don't forget the dates August 18 -25th. Hurry! Get your applications in! Particulars are in the previous issue of the Scandinavian News.

All letters recieved in the recent Solglyt Lodge competition were interesting and much appreciated. Here are the winners who wrote on "Why I wish to attend Norwegian Language and Culture Camp."

1) Age 11 and under ---- Shane Hill.
2) Age 12 - 16 ---- Jason Hilderman.
The winners will receive awards on a free week at Trollhaugen Camp '84 thanks to left-over funds from the Junior Lodge - now extinct.
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MIDSUMMER AT HALF MOON

By Bob Burt

St. Hans Fest, celebrated this year June 22-24th by Solglyt 143 lodge members, enjoyed bright sunshiny weather.

This year, because it was felt we had taken advantage of the Andersons too many times, the festivities were staged at Half Moon Lake, as second choice. The Andersons have been more than gracious in allowing such a motley crew of Vikings to invade their retreat. And to them we extend our gratitude for the good times we have enjoyed at Lac St. Cyr. It was a pleasant surprise to welcome Inge and Betty when they turned up at the site.

Sports Officer Sev Berge didn't know how many might be expected. Six persons had indicated they would come, and by Friday 25 was the limit. But following the pancake breakfast members came in droves, with a final count of sixty present.

Harry Huser Still King

There were horseshoes, horseback riding, swimming, ball, golf, croquet games with balloons, parachute & peanut scrambles for the youngsters. Horseshoe pitch in doubles and singles was keenly contested. Ten men's teams played off in a Round Robin tournament, while the ladies competed in similar events. The result of the men's doubles: Harry Huser with Gary Johnson were easy winners losing only one game. Ladies' doubles were won by Goldie Borge and Laura Anderson after some closely contested games. In the singles event, Harry Huser is still King, as Dale McBride, in a hard-fought game, bowed to the inevitable. The ladies' singles saw Betty Anderson win over Betty McKevitt in the finals - what a match!!! We were all sure that Betty would win, but which one?

Spoon Nearly Lost

Members took their turn on the



JUST LOOK AT THOSE STEAKS!

barbecue grill frying their steaks. There was no end of food the ladies had prepared, and it was all tasty. There were salads, baked potatoes and onions, as well as large trays of melons for dessert. The coffee, although weak to start, soon proved that the ladies added sufficient grounds. The spoon stood up in the grounds, and Sev nearly lost one wooden one. But all went off like a song, and everyone had sufficient to eat and drink.

Following the supper, presentations of trophies and awards were made to the Horseshoe winners. The Freeloaders, Harry Huser, Wally Broen and Gary Johnson, whooped it up around the campfire, as members and families joined in the singsong. The kids enjoyed marshmallows on a stick.

Other Competitions

The next day after pancakes and sausage breakfast, there were other

competitions to be played off. (board sawing, nail driving & shoe throwing). Ladies 90° cut board sawing was won by Laura Anderson followed by Selma Domer. Mens 45° & 90° sawing was won by Sev Berge with Harry Huser second. In the nail driving contest event, Laura Anderson came first while Goldie Borge was second. The men's bout was won by Harry Huser close-fought by Per Nielsen. In the Shoe Throwing event Laura Anderson, now a three-time winner, won over Rose Berge. In the men's event Per Nielsen was winner over Allan Anderson.

There were events for the boys and girls; Aaron and Adrian Anderson were winners in 'boys' events; while Michelle Marie was winner over Ann-Marit Johnson in their competitions.

Barbara Broen cycled all the way from Edmonton to bring good news that she would be on the Olympic International Volleyball team for Canada, to travel to Los Angeles Aug.

28th. We are all proud of her achievements.

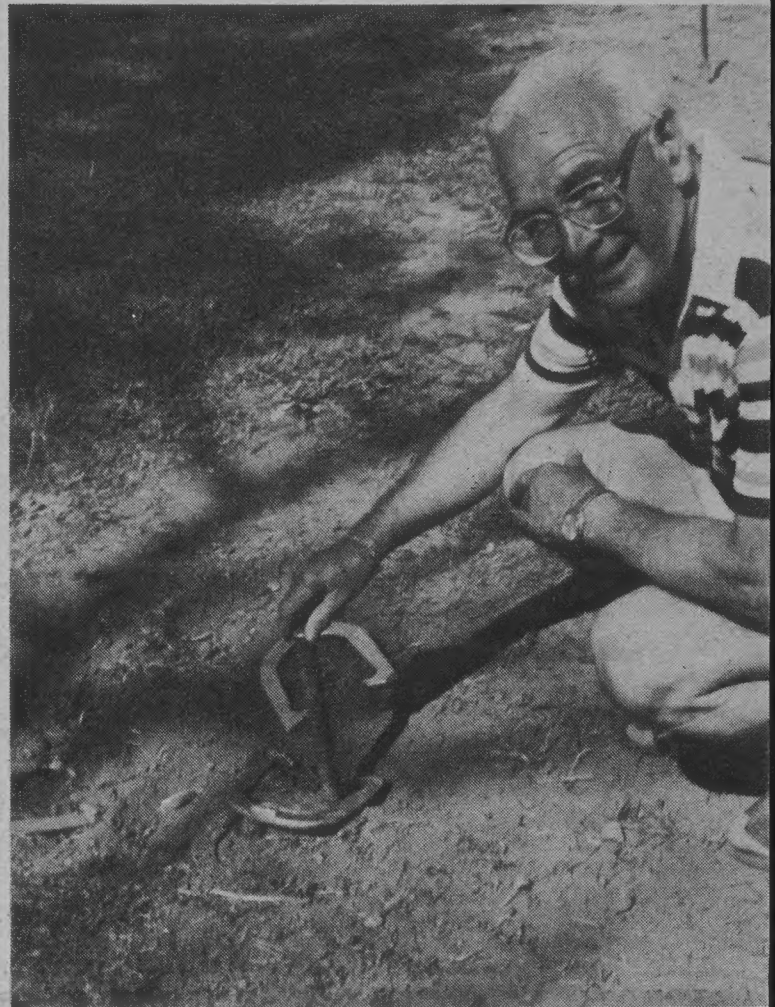
Mulhurst Next Year

A short meeting was held, during which the reports were given on the Convention as well as a round-up of past activities. Talk was also of the coming Heritage Days Aug 5 & 6th with Solglyt Lodge an active participant. We were reminded that Language Camp attendees should get

their applications in as soon as possible, for the popularity of the camp has become widespread.

It was agreed that while Half Moon Lake was okay for camping, shelter, trailer and cabin set-up Mulhurst is a better location and would be applied for next year.

Thanks to Sev Berge and Keith Lillevolden on their superb management of events for this years St. Hans Fest activities.



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VIKINGS IN DENMARK

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Clay vessel of peculiar form found in a pit at the Trelleborg camp on Zealand. Probably of local manufacture, but the decoration of zigzag comb ribbons and cross impressions are typical of Slav or Wendish pottery of the 10th century.

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powerful figure in the 980's. He rallied the Danes, conquered part of Norway and adopted Christianity, whereby the Danes also embraced this religion.

Earlier, a Swedish dynasty had been settled for some centuries at the base of Jutland, controlling that important region in which Franks and Saxons were also interested. On Oland, east of central Sweden, a Danish ruler was commemorated in an unforgettable runic poem composed by a talented Icclander, as indicated by the verse and the idiom. There is a fine ring in the Karlevi stone's poem: 'Never will a more faultless, fighting chariot god (i.e. shipmaster) on the sea-king's farflung field (i.e. the sea) come to rule over land in Denmark.'

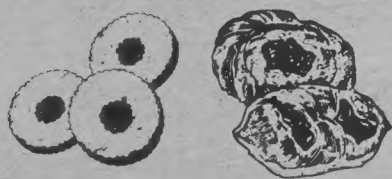
With the rulers, chieftains and warriors - 'thengner' and 'drenge', in the words of the stones - went aboard. The chieftains and some of the warriors are called wellborn. They

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Edmonton Heritage Festival

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THE VIKINGS IN DENMARK

evidently belonged to the large land-owning clans, whose stay-at-home farmers were also designated well-born. Some are commemorated

several buildings, and alongside them unpretentious dwellings in the village. Characteristic of large farms are the highly developed outbuildings, with

duce, as well as livestock.

But not every young man would get a farm, or would have the temperament for the smooth rhythm of farming. Not that farming prevented a man from making an expedition in the summer, but it was on the farm that he belonged. There were possibilities of owning a ship, either alone or in company with others. The ships were the first requirements of the impressive voyages in Viking times across narrow waters and the broad oceans, the means of going 'a viking' (which meant plundering) or on a trading expedition.

The pattern of command was clear. There were masters and mates, ordinary seamen, who would remember one another as fellows and comrades.

We know the actual vessels from graves, in which the dead shipmaster rested in his familiar place. Perhaps the vessel had to go with him for use on his last voyage. An exciting collection of ships, sunk in Roskilde Fjord, was sited deliberately with a view to rendering approach to the town complicated and impossible except to people with local knowledge. Enemies would inevitably run aground in the twisting channel. The channel has preserved the characteristic types of the period side by side: the long ship, slender and swift, well fitted for war; the broad, capacious merchant ship, suitable for crossing fairways heavily laden, both in two versions; and the smaller vessel, perhaps a kind of ferry.

The ships and the town are inseparable in other ways as well. Trading voyages started from the early towns, and traders came here from other towns, bringing prosperity and upheaval, new wares and new ideas. We find the oldest towns chiefly to be maritime ones, sometimes well sheltered in the fjords. With all their products and ostentatious affluence, they will have been popular calls for passing fleets setting their course nearby. It is noteworthy, too, that the kings understood the importance of these towns. They were generally sited on royal land, and it was the king's bailiff who represented the state, securing tax revenues and guaranteeing the town's defence and

legal rights. Revenues will doubtless have accrued to the Crown from the many artisans and traders, for it had not many other sources of revenue apart from Crown estates and spoils.

The towns were the focus of the new ideas, and it was there that Christianity gained ground, among other reasons because the outsiders had to be able to pursue their own religion. On the large farms, where

chiefatins could also be heathen priests, the people will have been slower in coming to terms with the Christian ideas.

The convulsions reached up to the royal family. When King Gorm, Harald's father, buried his wife under impressive forms, and he himself was interred beside her by Harald under the large mound at Jelling, they were loyally adhering to the customs of



THE LARGE RUNIC STONE FROM THE ROYAL CEMETERY AT JELLING IN JUTLAND BEARING THE EARLIEST REPRESENTATION OF THE CRUCIFIXION IN SCANDINAVIA. IT WAS RAISED BY HARALD BLUETOOTH IN HONOUR OF HIS PARENTS, PROBABLY AROUND 985.

because they never returned: 'He met his death in the west,' They lie in London.' Others perished at sea. With a sense for the force of the understatement, it is said of Toke that 'he did not flee at Uppsala'; and those who erected the stone say of themselves that they were his nearest companions. They were fellows, perhaps kinsmen or foster brothers. Neither did Asbern flee at Uppsala, but 'fought as long as he had weapons'.

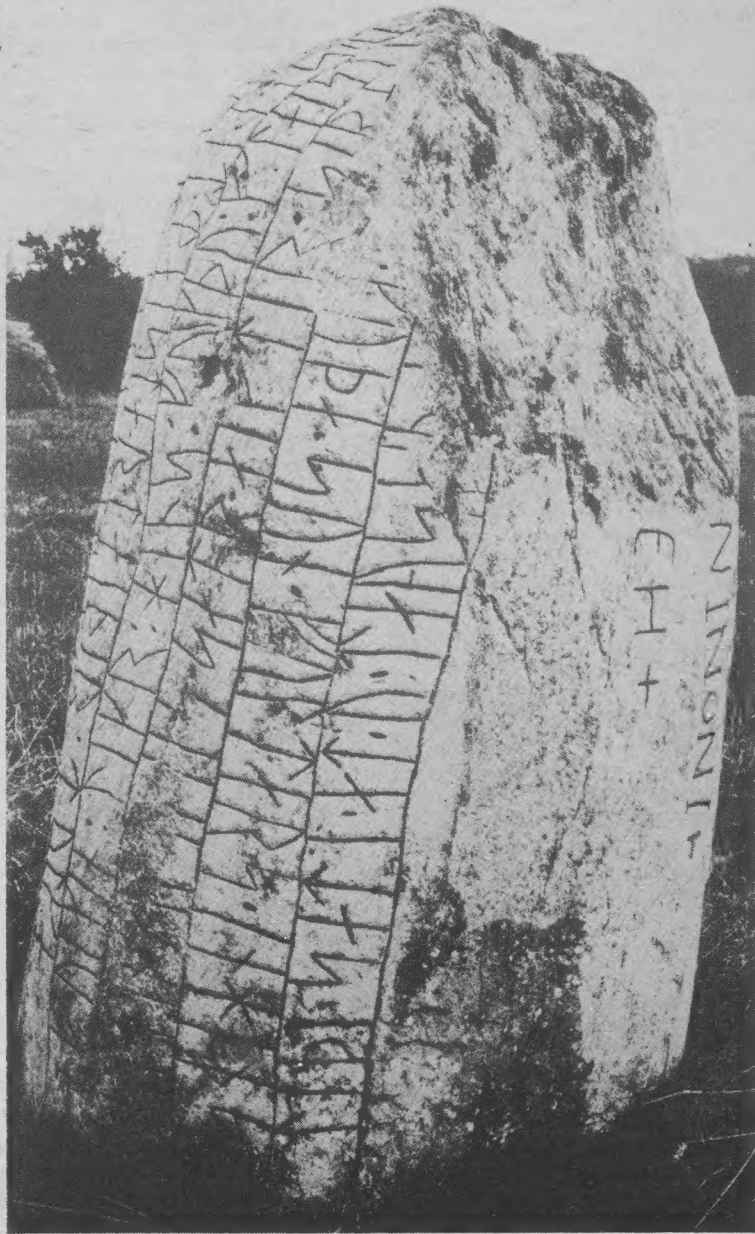
The importance of the family and in a wider sense the clan, is indicated by many stones. It was chiefly the surviving relations, at times the wife, who set up the stone, taking the opportunity to include the achievements and importance of the family. Swedish stones in particular can boast of impressive pedigrees, going far back. The head of the clan may have been a land-owner, not only owning land round the home farm but having managers, called bryder, on other farms.

The farms and villages of that time are well known by now from the many successful excavations. They have to be seen in an historical perspective, for it appears that in the course of the Iron Age the farms gradually became differentiated. In time we find large layouts with

room for very big stocks of cattle, horses, pigs, sheep, etc. Means were created for the profitable sale of the many products the farm could pro-



VIEW OF THE GRAVEFIELD AT LINDHOLM HOJE IN NORTH JUTLAND, DATING FROM C. 500-100 A.D.



THE RUNIC STONE AT KARLEVI SOUTH OF FARGESTADEN ON OLAND WAS SET UP IN MEMORY OF A DANISH CHIEFTAIN, SIBBE THE WISE, SON OF FOLDAR, BY HIS MEN. AMONG THEM WAS A NORWEGIAN OR ISLANDIC BARD, WHO MASTERED THE DROTTKVOETT METRE, COMPARABLE TO THE GENUINE ISLANDIC POEMS.

their ancestors. But when Harald converted to Christianity, it appears that he gave the decision retrospective effect. Strange evidence of this has come to light at Jelling in the course of excavating the oldest church there. Near the altar in the centre of the largest stave church there was a big double grave, strikingly reminiscent of the pagan grave in the nearby mound. The bodies and

some of the furnishing had been removed from this mound. In the church grave were found remains of an elderly man and woman, as far as can be made out, together with some goldworked fabric and small mountings of fine quality from the same period as the grave furnishings in the mound. Did the son remove his parents' bodies from the pagan mound to the protection of the church?

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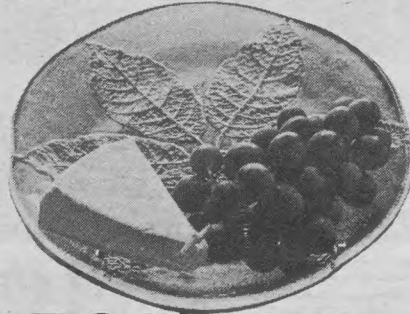
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TROPHY NIGHT

By Bob Burt

Sons of Norway Solgylt Lodge 143 held their Sportsmen's Banquet and presentation of awards Saturday May 12th at the Kingsway Inn in Edmonton.

Near 100 were in attendance and really enjoyed the Smorgasbord banquet.

BOWLING

Following the banquet Wayne Sundby and Wanda Scott presented trophies and awards to winners of the bowling league.

In "A" Division for the Peter Hansen Trophy, **The Trolls**: Jim, Tina & Myrle Travis, Selma Domier & Sharon Dumas were presented trophies, and the Coveted Hansen Trophy was presented to Sharon Dumas by Wayne Sundby.



BOB WINKLEMAN ACCEPTS TROPHIES

Second Place **The Fjords**: Lois Halberg, Linda Oros, Thor Berg, Garry Sundby & Garth Travis. This group not only received its trophies but were recipients of the **Team High Single** with a score of 1173.

Third Place **The Odins**: Gail Ahlf, Rae Berg, Astrid Hope, Jim Jenks & Peter Hansen; these duly received their trophies.

Fourth Place **The Thors**: Ella Gagnon, Kelly Wheeler, Wanda Scott, Roy Sundby, George Uzynirski also

received their awards.

In "B" Division, First Place went to **The Norsmen**: Unni Botten, Ernie Jarvis, Gord & Val Farough and Bob Winkleman. This team not only received its trophies, but were presented their pin on a stand for winning the **Team High Triple** with a score of 3214.

Second Place **The Northern Lights**: Wayne Sundby, Wes Travis, Serge Rousseau and Ruth MacKinnon all received individual trophies.

Third Place **The Vikings**: Anne Marie Waldmo, Carol Wheeler, Janet Boyd, John Griswold and Asbjorn Waldmo were presented trophies.

Fourth Place **The Midnight Suns**: Wes Kurtz, Ralph & Tracy Annicchiarico, Ron Gagnon and Wendy Henning, were the last team to receive its trophies.

The **Men's High Average** 206, **High Single** 369 and **High Triple** 826 were awarded to Bob Winkleman. The **Woman's High Single** 286 was won by Selma Domier. The **High Average** 191 and **High Triple** 746 were won by Val Farough. A total of 55 trophies and 3 plaques were presented by Wayne Sundby, President of the Bowling league.

For perfect attendance in Bowling members were presented pins: Gary, Roy and Wayne Sundby, Lois Halberg, Peter Hansen, Rae Berg, Wanda Scott, Wes Kurtz, Wes Travis, Unni Botten and Sharon Dumas.

CURLING

Then came the Curlers whose awards were presented by the President of the Curling League, Per Nielsen, assisted by Glen Finstad.

The Overall League Trophy Winner was the Dale & Olga McBride with Bud & Faye Osborne rink. This rink also won trophies in "A" **Event Play Off**.

Second Place in "A" Event, winning the Mugs, was the Ducherers, Willie and Wanda, Melvin and Tracy. This foursome was presented with the new Walter Rogers Trophy for the Rink with the Most Sportsmanship.

Third Place in the play off for mugs went to Sev & Rose Berg with Ken & Selma Domier.

Fourth Place with their Crying Towels went to Keith Lillevolden, Mike and Denise Gagnon.



WAYNE SUNDBY PRESENTS THE PETER HANSEN TROPHY.

In the "B" Event Trophies were presented to Glen, Peter & Janet Finstad and Doug Anderson.

Second Place for Mugs went to Gary & Evelyn Johnson with Ed & Marlene Stoyko.

Third Place, also for Mugs, went to Keith Moore, Ray Cartwright and Debbie O'Farrel.

Fourth Place, taking the Crying Towels, were Per Nielsen, Garth Travis and Cheryn Lillevolden.

In the "C" Event Crying Towels went to George Stewart and Elsworth Halberg, while last place and the Horses Asses went to Al & Brenda Letendre and Brian and Ileen Babey.

President of the Curling League, Per Nielsen, and Glen Finstad, Vice-President, each received gifts from their fellow curlers for their work in making the season such a success.

President and Vice-President named to head the Curling league for the 1984-85 season will be Willie & Melvin Duscherer.

President and Secretary of the Bowling League for their second year will be Wayne Sundby and Wanda Scott.

Door Prizes went to Anne Marie Waldmo, Brian Babey and Peter Finstad, while lucky draw winners included Sev Berge, Wanda Scott and Jim Travis.

Following the presentation of awards, those present enjoyed a social and dance evening.

TWO CONFESS TO HACKING MERMAID

COPENHAGEN (AP) - Two youths who surrendered "with one arm, two hangovers and lots of apologies" ended the mystery of who had sawed off the right arm of the Little Mermaid, Denmark's most famous statue, police said today.

The two 18-year-old Danes admitted they had cut off the bronze statue's 40-centimeter arm with a hacksaw as a drunken prank early Sunday morning.

Their names were not disclosed by a duty officer, who said they were charged with vandalizing public property and were released pending trial.

The gap in the Little Mermaid's arm - from her shoulder to the hand attached to a stone where she perches - started 24 hours of "who-did-it" speculation and drew thousands more Danes and tourists than usual Sunday to the statue in Copenhagen Harbor.

The duty officer said the youths told police they damaged the statue early Sunday after having too much to drink on Saturday night.

"They said that, after sobering up,

they realized that so many companions knew about it that they didn't have a chance," the officer said. "We already had received a couple of tips, so we probably would have found them today anyway."

It was the second destructive attack on the statue. The mermaid's head was severed in 1964, and it has never been found.

A new head was cast at a bronze foundry where the statue spent four months undergoing repairs.

The character of the Little Mermaid was the creation of Danish author Hans Christian Andersen in an 1837 fairy tale about a mermaid who saved a prince from drowning, but was too pure to keep him from his bride waiting ashore.

In real life, however, the five-foot, three inch statue was erected less as a tribute to the story than to a Royal Danish Ballet prima ballerina, Ellen Price.

She had fascinated Carl Jacobsen, the founder of Carlsberg Breweries, in the ballet version of Andersen's tale.



COPENHAGEN'S LITTLE MERMAID HARBOR BEAUTY ONCE BEHEADED.

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SYTTENDE MAI-FLAG-RAISING CEREMONY AT CITY HALL

Some Sons of Norway members gathered for the Flag-raising May 17th at Edmonton City Hall. Syttende Mai, Norway's Independence Anniversary, was not a

very bright day, nor was the time of the ceremony well publicized. C.F.R.N. mobile unit was present to televise the proceedings; due to inclement weather it was performed at

11:00 a.m.

Per Nielsen was present to assist in the Flag-raising, and the Freeloaders played for the singing. Alderman Lyle Roper as Deputy Mayor made the proclamation of Norwegian Independence. She spoke of the history of Norwegians from the period 872-1381 and the uniting of Norway, then of the Danish period 1381-1814. It was then that Norway broke away from Denmark and the treaty was signed at Eidsvold. From that date to 1905 Norwegians were under Swedish rule. These bonds were broken June 9, 1905, when Norway continued as a monarchy under the line of Viking Kings.

Following the ceremony, those present proceeded to the Royal Copenhagen Restaurant. Those late for the Flag-raising ceremonies joined the group for a most enjoyable celebration, with many toasts "Sa Svinger Vi"...

That evening a goodly crowd was treated to a feast at the Saxony Inn. The Head Table included Per and Sandra Nielsen; Johanna and Norman Nilsen; Roer & Marilyn Tungland; and Jofrid & Arne Johannessen. There were over 100 present to celebrate the occasion.

Arne Johannessen brought greetings from the Government of Norway and spoke of the happenings that day in Norway. Norman Nilsen spoke of his youth in Norway, and what they did to celebrate. He spoke of the War and occupation by German and the ways the Norwegians dealt with their captors. Roer Tungland of the Nordic Society brought regards and thanked those gathered for the opportunity to speak on behalf of his club.

The evening was filled with toasts, pleasant socializing, and dancing to the music of the Freeloaders.



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SWEDISH WEDDING CUSTOMS

By Verna Larson, Cultural Leader,
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Many of the wedding ceremonies resemble our own, but there are some old customs which are unusual, to say the least.

On the Saturday before the first announcement (lyssning) of the coming marriage (there are three announcements), the young people of the village come to the bride's home. They have cut down a tall birch (or it could be spruce or pine) tree and have dragged it, branches and all, to the door. They expect to be greeted with treats of aquavit for the boys and wine for the girls.

If, by chance, the bride's parents are not too generous and don't offer them drinks, they will drag the entire tree into the house. There is not much choice left but to give them drinks. After that, they will take the tree outside where they strip off the limbs, except the ones near the top. They then place the pole on the side of the porch. Sometimes a piece of cloth is placed on top of the pole with the names of the bride and bridegroom printed on it, or perhaps

some designs which signify good luck to the young couple.

Before the wedding, the couple go to the nearest town, where the bridegroom buys the ring, a hymn book, and a silver brooch for his bride.

For her turn, the bride sews the groom's shirt, and sews as many luck-knots as she possibly can get on to it. Also, for good luck she places a coin in her stocking, and hides some bread in her bosom.

Early on the wedding day everyone goes to the farm where the bride is getting ready, and are treated to drinks and thin bread.

Now it's time for the wedding. As in the custom for almost all events in Sweden, fiddlers lead the villagers, and for the occasion of a wedding, they play the Brudmarsch which, in comparison with our modern music, sounds rather like a funeral march.

The guests and onlookers follow the fiddlers to the church. The church bells ring out, the minister comes out to meet them, then leads the way into the church. With a curtsy the bride places the ring on the altar and the

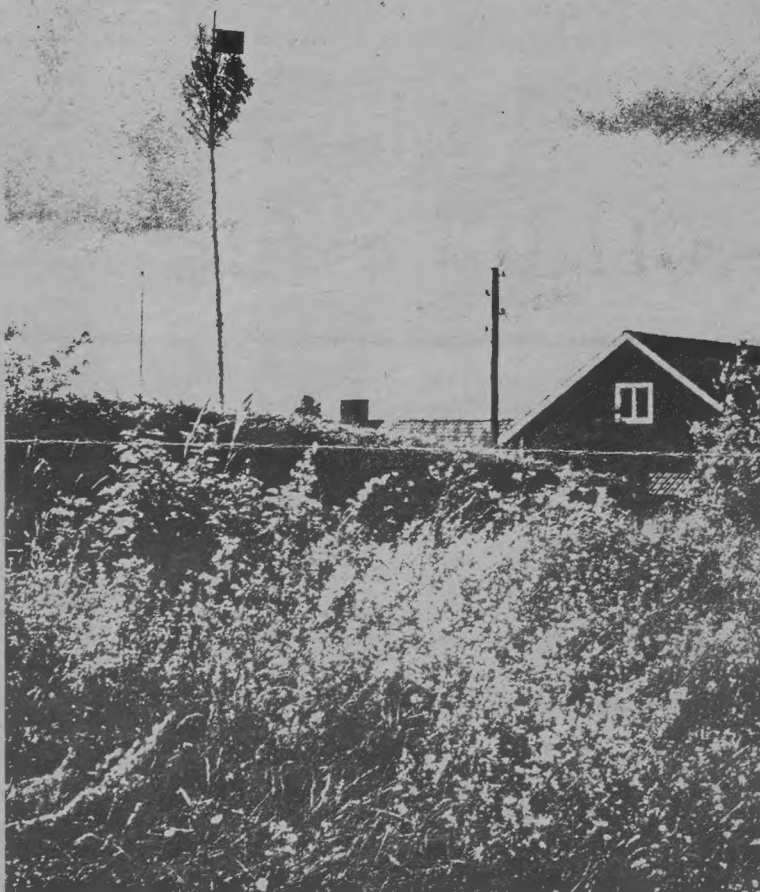
Then they go to the bride's home, where the cook meets the bride and groom and takes them to the kitchen where they must look into the oven, presumably to make sure the food will be satisfactory. Everyone sits down to an extravagant wedding feast, laid out on an L-shaped table covered with home-woven tablecloths and set with hand-carved wooden plates and cutlery. Breads of all kinds, sausages, cheese, lutefisk, ham, mut-ton, veal and potatoes are served; for dessert, rice valling (soft pudding).

No coffee was served in the olden days, (these customs date back to the 1800's), but they did have their own home-brew which was a type of alcohol free beer, called "ol". At a typical wedding there would be at least two hundred bottles of aquavit served.

Meanwhile there are curious onlookers outside, waiting and cheering. Eventually the couple has to come out and greet them, carrying with them a big copper pitcher filled with wine and aquavit.

After the supper, it's time for dancing. There are waltzes and polkas, and of course the time-honoured "Hambo". Later in the evening comes time for the Shanking. The bride goes around among the guests with a silver bowl on a plate and offers more aquavit, while an attendant comes along with a bowl to collect money from the guests. The bridegroom follows with a bowlful of tobacco, and hands out clay pipes.

These are hand-made and soon break apart. While this is going on the fiddlers (or spelmannen) play what is called a Shanklat. It is said that the reason why some of these tunes are so melancholy is that the fiddlers tend to lose their zest after consuming a quantity of aquavit. That figures!



'OLD SWEDISH WEDDING CUSTOMS'

ceremony takes place.

After the ceremony the wedding party goes to the minister's rectory where food is served, provided by the

bride's family. This is a light lunch, mostly sandwiches (smorgas). Set up on a table, this becomes a smorgasbord.

THREE ORGANIZATIONS IN ALBERTA JOIN THE DANISH FEDERATION

The Danish Canadian Friendship Club of Edmonton joined the Federation of Danish Associations in Canada just prior to the Federation's Third National Danish Canadian Conference, held at The Danish Canadian Club in Calgary, June 15 - 17, 1984. At the Conference the Danish Lutheran Church, Calgary, and the Royal Danish Guards' Association, Western

Canada, joined the Federation.

The Danish Canadian Friendship

Club of Edmonton is the youngest member of the Federation. The Club was founded last year, and the president is Ole Hansen.

The Danish Lutheran Church, Calgary, where the Rev. Lars Otto Basbol is pastor, was founded in 1964. The Danish churches in Vancouver and Toronto are also members of the Federation.

The Royal Danish Guards' Association, Western Canada, established in 1944 with the well-known butter-

maker Dan Morkeberg as president, is the oldest guardsmen association in Canada. The current president is Poul Nyegaard. The Royal Danish Guards' Associations Eastern Canada and Pacific Northwest are also members of the Danish Federation.

The Federation of Danish Associations in Canada, whose aim it to strengthen cooperation among Danish organizations, now consists of 24 member organizations across Canada.

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